



Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council (CFWDC)

Minutes for December 11, 2014

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Guests

None

1. Call to Order

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Commissioner Reviczky and introductions followed.

2. Meeting Minutes Approval

- 2.1 A motion was made by Ms. Linda Auger to accept the October 10, 2014 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. George Motel. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

3. Financial Report

- 3.1 Ms. Smith provided a financial report.

4. Chairman's Report

- 4.1 Chairman Reviczky commented on the budget and noted that at this time no recensions have been made in the agency budget.

5.1 Passport Subcommittee

- 5.1 The recommendations to the 2015 Passport were presented by Mr. Jim Frey and discussed. Action on the items

will take place during New Business.

- 5.2 Ms. Michele Niedermeyer suggested that a white paper document be created to propel the program.
- 5.3 There was also discussion on working with a UConn graduate student on the multiplier effect of the program on tourism and other industries.

6. Big E Subcommittee

- 6.1 Mr. Jonathan Edwards gave an overview of the outcomes from the 2014 Big E.
- 6.2 DAS has yet to invoice the agency/Council for a number of expenses. Once all expenses are accounted for there will be approximately \$10,000 remaining in the budget from the booth build out.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Public Comment Period Regarding Old Business (5 minutes)

- 7.1 Mr. Bob Chipkin commented that it should be tracked if wineries with the Connecticut Grown logo receive more stamps than wineries without the logo. It would provide baseline data into the effectiveness of the Connecticut Grown Designation Program.

8. 2014 Passport Redemption Results

- 8.1 Ms. Jaime Smith reviewed the 2014 Passport Program redemption results and estimated economic impact to each winery.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Public Comment Period Regarding New Business (5 minutes)

- 9.1 Mr. Chipkins commented that the Passport Program is an excellent one and the Connecticut Grown Designation Program isn't needed.

10. 2015 Passport RFP Results

- 10.1 The three RFP's received for production of the 2015 Passport were reviewed. It was determined that more clarification is needed and Ms. Smith will go back to Northeast Printing Network to inquire about the details of their bid in hopes of reducing the overall costs.

11. Action of Passport Subcommittee Recommendations for the 2015 Passport Program

- 11.1 The recommendations by the Passport Subcommittee were briefly reviewed and Mr. Frey made a motion to accept the seven recommendations. Mr. George Motel seconded the motion.
- 11.2 Discussion on the recommendations followed and it was suggested recommendation number seven be modified to read: Your Passport may be disqualified if it is altered or embellished in any way. There was extensive discussion on the continuation of the Connecticut Grown Designation Program.
- 11.3 A motion was by Mr. Frey, seconded by Dr. Frank Ferrindino, to amend the standing motion by modifying recommendation seven as suggested and remove recommendation six regarding the Connecticut Grown Designation Program. There was no subsequent discussion. Chairman Reviczky called for a vote on the motion to amend, and it passed with nine yeas and one nay from Mr. Motel.
- 11.4 Chairman Reviczky called for a vote to approve the initial motion, as amended by the second motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 11.5 Discussion took place on the recommendation regarding the Connecticut Grown Designation Program. A motion was made by Ms. Niedermeyer, seconded by Mr. Motel, to add the word 'voluntary' to the Connecticut Grown Designation Program. There was additional discussion and the motion passed with 8 yeas and 2 nays from Mr. Frey and Mr. Edwards.
- 11.6 Ms. Niedermeyer suggested that ideas on how to promote grape growing be added to the March agenda.

12. Agency Support and Time Allocation

- 12.1 Chairman Reviczky discussed the future of the agency support and overall time allocation that will be provided to the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council given agency retirements and changes to program assignments.

13. 2014 Passport Drawing

- 13.1 The drawing for the 2014 Passport Program winners were drawn. The complete list is included below.

14 Other Business

- 14.1 There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m. The next meeting is January 12, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jaime L. Smith

2014 Passport Winners (by prize)

Prize	First Name	Last Name	Town	State
Grand Prize 1, Spain	Renata	Kalozny-Blaszczyk	Bristol	CT
Grand Prize 2, Spain	David	Macharelli	Waterbury	CT
First Prize, Limo	Cheryl	Norrie	Madison	CT
Second Prize 1, Norwich	Lisa	Ghent	East Hampton	CT
Second Prize 2, Danbury	John	Madigan	Wallingford	CT
Second Prize3, Norwich	Sharon	Van Niel	South Windsor	CT
Second Prize 4, Danbury	Tony	Rafala	South Glastonbury	CT
Second Prize 5, Norwich	Bill	Kirwin	Clinton	CT
Second Prize 6, Danbury	Don	Komp	Windsor	CT
Second Prize 7, Norwich	Amber	Bene	Meriden	CT
Second Prize 8, Danbury	John	DiCaprio	Plantsville	CT
Second Prize 9, Norwich	Carol	Malicki	Rocky Hill	CT
Second Prize 10, Danbury	Kate	McGrath	Hamden	CT
Second Prize 11, Norwich	Suesan	Andersen	West Haven	CT
Second Prize 12, Danbury	Cornelia	Bischof	Middletown	CT
Second Prize 13, Norwich	Cheryl	Green	Kirbyville	TX
Second Prize 14, Danbury	Brent	Owen	Wethersfield	CT
Second Prize 15, Norwich	Art	Wanderlingh	South Windsor	CT
Second Prize 16, Danbury	Joseph	Fox, Jr.	Meriden	CT
Second Prize 17, Norwich	Michele	Mirando	Madison	CT
Second Prize 18, Danbury	Kathy	Roane	Bristol	CT
Second Prize 19, Norwich	Lewis	Young	Shelton	CT
Second Prize 20, Danbury	Edward	Page	South Windsor	CT
Second Prize 21, Norwich	Kayla	Angeletti	West Hartford	CT
Second Prize 22, Danbury	James	Lescoe	Kensington	CT
Second Prize 23, Norwich	Suzanne	Billings Smith	West Hartford	CT
Second Prize 24, Danbury	Elizabeth	Germain	Hamden	CT
Second Prize 25, Norwich	Jennifer	Montojo	Manchester	CT
Second Prize 26, Danbury	Jillian	Ranno	Bristol	CT
Second Prize 27, Norwich	Amanda	Quiello	Wallingford	CT

Second Prize 28, Danbury	Anthony	Testa	Ansonia	CT
Second Prize 29, Norwich	Katie	White	Winsted	CT
Second Prize 30, Danbury	William	Ragaini	Seymour	CT
Third Prize 1, Arrigoni Winery	Denise	Denoncourt	Feeding Hills	MA
Third Prize 2, Bethlehem Vineyards	Joe	Rose	Meriden	CT
Third Prize 3, Bishop's Orchards Winery	Tyler	Boswell	Manchester	CT
Third Prize 4, Cassidy Hill Vineyards	Christopher	Infantino	Fitchburg	MA
Third Prize 5, Chamard Vineyards	Ruth	Kalinowski	Portland	CT
Third Prize 6, CT Valley Winery	Cihan	Borluca	Waterbury	CT
Third Prize 7, Digrazia Vineyard	Glendo	Tangarorang	Middletown	CT
Third Prize 8, Dalice Elizabeth Winery	Patrick	Vincent	Naugatuck	CT
Third Prize 9, Gouveia Vineyards	Nathan	Wahlgren	Cheshire	CT
Third Prize 10, Haight Brown Vineyards	Dan	DeLuca	Manchester	CT
Third Prize 11, Holmberg Orchards and Winery	Theodore	Bartkoski	Rocky Hill	CT
Third Prize 12, Hopkins Vineyard	Areita	Billings	West Hartford	CT
Third Prize 13, Jerram Winery	Paula	Parker	Middletown	CT
Third Prize 14, Jonathan Edwards Winery	Jeffrey	Simon	Trumbull	CT
Third Prize 15, Jones Family Farms and Winery	Danielle	Berk	Enfield	CT
Third Prize 16, Land of Nod	Johnna	Jacobs	Winsted	CT
Third Prize 17, Lost Acres Vineyard	Denise	Weber	Guilford	CT
Third Prize 18, Maugle Sierra Vineyard	Angela	Cottle	Wallingford	CT
Third Prize 19, McLaughlin Vineyards	Melissa	Stewart	Cromwell	CT
Third Prize 20, Miranda Vineyards	Georgette	Ravenberg	Cheshire	CT
Third Prize 21, Paradise Hill Vineyard	Mike	Martin	Brookfield	CT
Third Prize 22, Preston Ridge Vineyard	Christian	Glover	West Hartford	CT
Third Prize 23, Priam Vineyard	Kevin	Wilson	Somers	CT

Third Prize 24, Rosedale Farms and Vineyards	Katelyn	Fitzpatrick	Milford	CT
Third Prize 25, Saltwater Farms Vineyard	Christine	Hearn	North Windham	CT
Third Prize 26, Savino Vineyards	Laura	Boes	Wallingford	CT
Third Prize 27, Shrarpe Hill Vineyard	Susan	Davis	Simsbury	CT
Third Prize 28, Stonington Vineyards	Lindsay	Garofalo	Middlebury	CT
Third Prize 29, Sunset Meadow Vineyards	Janis	del Valle	New Haven	CT
Third Prize 30, Taylor Brooke Winery	Kathy	McNeiece	Stratford	CT
Third Prize 31, Walker Road Vineyards	Pamela	Young	Bristol	CT
Third Prize 312 White Silo Winery	MaryEllen	Alberino	East Haven	CT